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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIA: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LONG TERM
ASSISTANCE WITH MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Classified By: CDA David Rundell for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (U) This is an action request. Please see para 4.

¶2. (C) On 30 May Dr. Khalid al-Taweel, who oversees the Ministry of the Interior's (MOI) interface with Office of Program Management:Ministry of the Interior (OPM-MOI), again requested assistance for (1) a new cyber security program and (2) establishment of a Diplomatic Security Service/Bureau for MOI. For a second time, Khalid specifically asked for DHS participation with the cyber security request. Regarding diplomatic security, Khalid asked for Department of State assistance to establish a bureau that functions much as DS does in the Department of State. Khalid specifically asked for an assessment visit to assist with development of this new MOI service/bureau. The new MOI organization would oversee DS within KSA and at their world-wide embassies. Khalid stressed that the cyber security and diplomatic security programs are both priorities for MOI.

¶3. (C) Comment: Both requests present golden opportunities for continued long term engagement with MOI. The President's recently announced new Cyber Security effort probably prompted Khalid to renew his urgent requests. At this juncture, Post believes it is key to designate a lead office/organization for each request, and to schedule an assessment visit at the earliest possible opportunity to better understand MOI's requirements. GSA/MOI will fund all costs for the assessments visits and respective programs. Clearly DS would be best lead for the DS request, while a cyber security lead would need to be identified rapidly within the interagency. Other potential partners and "centers for excellence" would need to be identified. A rapid response is critical to maintain the momentum with MOI.

¶4. (C) Action requested: Post requests guidance on how to respond to Dr. Khalid al-Taweel, specifically when can DS and cyber security assessment teams visit Riyadh.

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